



Community and Strategy Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Community and Strategy Committee held as a Virtual meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, 1 February 2022 at 1.02pm. (1.02pm to 1.52pm)

PRESENT

Chairperson	Julie Keast Mayor Gary Tong
Councillors	Don Byars John Douglas (1.06pm – 1.52pm) Paul Duffy Bruce Ford Darren Frazer George Harpur Ebel Kremer Christine Menzies Karyn Owen Margie Ruddenklau Rob Scott

IN ATTENDANCE

Group manager governance and community	Fran Mikulicic
Committee advisor/Customer support partner	Lagi Kuresa
Committee advisor	Fiona Dunlop

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

3 Conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Public forum

Transactional project leader - Shelley Dela Llana addressed the Committee as the recipient of the 2021 Eric Hawkes Outward Bound Memorial scholarship for Southland District Council staff to attend Outward Bound. Mrs Dela Llana thanked the Committee for the opportunity to attend.

5 Extraordinary/urgent items

There were no extraordinary/urgent items.

6 Confirmation of minutes

There were no minutes to be confirmed.

Reports for Recommendation

7.1 Draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw and Policy

Record No: R/21/12/64459

Senior policy analyst - Carrie Williams and Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board Chair - Jon Spraggon were in attendance for this item.

Ms Williams reported that the purpose of the report is was for the Community and Strategy Committee to consider the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw and to make a recommendation to Council the direction to be taken.

Mr Spraggon advised the meeting of the Community Board concern with the proposal to raise the levy.

(During discussion Councillor Douglas joined the meeting at 1.06pm.)

Moved Councillor Menzies, seconded Councillor Ruddenklau the substantive motion recommendations a to h.

Moved Councillor Ford, seconded Councillor Douglas the following amendment to recommendation e(i):

That the Community and Strategy Committee:

- e) endorses:
 - (i) the proposal to increase the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy quantum to ~~\$15.00~~ \$10.00.

The amendment was put and declared LOST.

The substantive motion recommendations a to h was put and declared CARRIED.

Councillors Ford and Douglas requested that their dissenting votes be recorded for the substantive motion.

Resolution

That the Community and Strategy Committee:

- a) **receives the report titled “Draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw and Policy” dated 24 January 2022.**
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) considers the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw and provides feedback.
- e) endorses:
 - (i) the proposal to increase the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy quantum to \$15.00
 - (ii) the proposed changes to the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy
 - (iii) the proposed changes to the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw.
- f) recommends to Council that it release the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw and

associated Statement of Proposal for public consultation 8am 1 March 2022 to 5pm 31 March 2022.

- g) notes the need for Council to work with approved operators and levy funding recipients on an ongoing basis, to increase community and visitor understanding of the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy.
- h) notes that staff will advise Council to adhere to the requirements of s.80 of the Local Government Act 2002 (which must be followed when making decisions inconsistent with policy), regarding the proposal to consult in accordance with the Special Consultative Procedure, but not via the Annual Plan process.

The meeting concluded at 1.52pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON:.....